

Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Advisory Committee
June 18, 2014 Meeting Summary - DRAFT
California Department of Aging
1300 National Drive, Suite 200, Sacramento, California

Members Present:

Dr. Joshua Chodosh, Vice Chair
Bill Fisher
Sharon Trocki-Miller
Janet Yang
Debbie Toth
Josie Porras-Corporon
Lou Bordisso
Pansy Greene
Debra Cherry
Monica Bush

Staff Present:

Kiyomi Burchill – California Health and Human Services Agency
Frances Parker – California Health and Human Services Agency
Nathaniel Mitchell – California Health and Human Services Agency
Lora Connolly – Director, California Department of Aging
Ed Long – Deputy Director, California Department of Aging
Julie Parsons – Alzheimer's Disease Program, California Department of Public Health
Malaika Singleton-- Alzheimer's Disease Program, California Department of Public Health

Guests Present:

Winston Greene
Jayne LaGrande, University of California, Davis
Susan DeMarois, Alzheimer's Association California Council

Item 1 Welcome, Introductions, and Committee Member Updates and Item 2.
Approval of March 26, 2014 meeting minutes

Vice Chair Dr. Joshua Chodosh called the meeting to order and welcomed all attendees. Minutes from the March 26, 2014 meeting were approved with no corrections.

Committee members and guests shared updates, including:

- Committee member Lou Bordisso testified before the Assembly Committee on Aging at its hearing, Faces of Aging: Aging and the LGBT Community, on June 10, 2014.
- The Alzheimer's Association at the national level has adopted a new three-year strategic plan.
- Committee member Debbie Toth suggested the Committee identify ways to take more concrete actions. Committee members discussed actions the Committee

could take, including seeking philanthropic funding to implement the Alzheimer's State Plan.

Item 3: State Home and Community-Based Services Updates.

Lora Connolly, Director of the California Department of Aging, described the process by the Department of Aging and Department of Health Care Services to renew the state's waiver from the federal government to administer the Community-Based Adult Services (CBAS) program. This waiver will expire in August 2014, and a stakeholder process began in October 2013 to solicit input, which has included webinars and a public comment period.

Committee member Debbie Toth expressed concerns about the removal of the provision in the current CBAS waiver of a minimum rate for CBAS providers in their contracts with Medi-Cal Managed Care plans, and Committee members expressed concern about removing this provision.

Director Connolly also provided an update on the Coordinated Care Initiative, including the Home and Community-Based Universal Assessment stakeholder process. The universal assessment will be for the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Program, Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP), and skilled nursing benefits for Medi-Cal beneficiaries.

Item 4: Department of Aging Grant with Alzheimer's Association for Dementia Care Management in CCI Counties

Director Connolly and Committee member Debra Cherry who is Executive Vice President, Alzheimer's Association, Southland Chapter, described the curriculum development and training the Alzheimer's Association is providing to Medi-Cal Managed Care plans in Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI) counties. They shared the training materials and talked about their efforts to further disseminate the materials, so that plan care managers are well informed about Alzheimer's and dementia.

Item 5: Remarks for Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month

Health and Human Services Secretary Diana Dooley joined the Committee meeting to thank Committee members for their service and engagement, and to listen in to presentations at the meeting, including for June Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month.

Item 6: Presentation for Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month

Committee member Bill Fisher who is CEO, Alzheimer's Association, Northern California/Northern Nevada Chapter, discussed June Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month. There was a June 19, 2014 presentation in the Legislature on Brain Awareness month. He showed a video produced by the Alzheimer's Association that cited

numerous statistics about the seriousness of Alzheimer's disease in California, including that Alzheimer's is the 5th leading cause of death in California.

Item 7: Update on State Alzheimer's Disease Program

Julie Parsons with the Alzheimer's Disease Program, California Department of Public Health, announced that as of June 3, 2014, Malaika Singleton is the new Coordinator for the Alzheimer's Disease Centers. Ms. Singleton introduced herself to the Committee. Ms. Parsons also provided an update on grants her program distributes with resources from the Alzheimer's tax check-off.

California Department of Public Health's recent application to the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors Opportunity Grants to implement the Healthy Brain Initiative recommendations was not successful in securing funding. Ms. Parsons thanked the Alzheimer's Advisory Committee Chair Sherrie Matza and California Health and Human Services Agency for submitting a joint letter of support for the grant application.

Item 8: Legislative Update from Alzheimer's Association

Susan DeMarois, State Public Policy Director, California Council of the Alzheimer's Association, provided an update on pending legislation.

The Alzheimer's Association strongly supports:

- **AB 1552 (Lowenthal)**
 - This is the California Association for Adult Day Services (CAADS) sponsored legislation to safeguard adult day services as a Medi-Cal benefit for adult day health care.
- **AB 1570 (Chesbro)**
 - This is the California Assisted Living Association (CALA) bill proposing an increase in the number of direct care staff training hours, including specific requirements for dementia instruction.
- **AB 1744 (Brown)**
 - This bill is the AARP sponsored bill to enact the California Caregiver Act of 2014, a proposal to form a statewide blue ribbon panel on caregiving similar to the process used to develop California's State Plan for Alzheimer's Disease.
- **SB 940 (Jackson)**
 - This bill is the vehicle to adopt the California Law Review Commission's recommendation related to the Uniform Adult Guardianship and Protective Proceedings Jurisdiction Act (UAGPPJA).
- **SB 1127 (Torres)**

- This bill expands the state's law enforcement, emergency Silver Alert system to include two new, at-risk populations under age 65: 1) developmentally disabled and 2) cognitively impaired. The latter refers to an individual with symptoms affecting thinking and social abilities severely enough to interfere with daily functioning such as dementia, loss of memory, judgment, language, complex motor skills and other intellectual functions caused by the damage and/or impairment in brain function.

The Alzheimer's Association concerns with the following bill:

- **SB 1207 (Wolk)—Voluntary Tax Check-Off.**
 - This bill proposes eventually eliminating all voluntary state income tax check-off donations, including Alzheimer's research in 2020, and replacing the option with a write-in for eligible non-profits, charities, and public agencies.
 - Since 1987, the Alzheimer's tax check-off has resulted in over \$11.7 million in competitive research awards granted to California researchers by the California Department of Public Health. Changing this system might jeopardized the continued success of this program.

Committee members indicated wanting to highlight these bills in the Chair's memo to the Secretary for this meeting.

Item 9: Items to include in Chair's Memo to the Secretary

Vice Chair Dr. Chodosh, clarified with the Committee its recommendations of items to include in the Chair's memo to Secretary Dooley recapping the meeting.

He identified three items for the Chair's memo to the Secretary:

- Seeking the Secretary's support with the Committee in reaching out to the original funders of the Alzheimer's State Plan for funding to implement the plan.
- Expressing concerns about the CBAS waiver not including a minimum rate floor for CBAS providers.
- Highlighting the bills the Alzheimer's Association strongly support or has concerns about (these are described in the above section for Item 8).

Vice Chair Dr. Chodosh also thanked Secretary Dooley for attending and continuing to partner with the Committee.

Meeting adjourned at: 2:00 p.m.